

HOUSE RESOLUTION 322

By Roach

A RESOLUTION recognizing James Clayton Farrar, the oldest living licensed funeral director in the State.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those intrepid individuals whose contributions to this State are commendable; and

WHEREAS, James Clayton Farrar, Tennessee's oldest living licensed funeral director, is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, the son of Aline Taylor Farrar and Roy Everett Farrar, James Farrar was born on September 26, 1922, in Petersburg, Tennessee. After moving the family to Jefferson City in 1924, Roy Farrar joined with his father-in-law to open Taylor Funeral Home, which was renamed as the Farrar Funeral Home in 1939 when Roy Farrar took full ownership of the business; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, James Farrar worked in the family business and developed a passion for the funeral industry. He obtained his embalming license in 1946 and his funeral director's license in 1951; and

WHEREAS, an honorable and valorous individual, Mr. Farrar entered into service in the United States military during World War II. He served with bravery from 1942 until 1945 and spent nearly all of that time in Africa and Italy; and

WHEREAS, for the past six decades, James Farrar has carried on the finest traditions of funeral directors, extending to all of the bereaved who have passed through his doors a deeply compassionate concern; and

WHEREAS, Farrar Funeral Home has the distinction of standing as the oldest continually-operated business in Jefferson City and James Farrar, a longtime community leader

and a shining beacon of compassion for others, is widely known for his civic involvement and his willingness to help those in need; and ; and

WHEREAS, even in his twilight years, after a series of health problems keep him from the funeral home, Mr. Farrar still manages to remain involved in the business through daily phone calls; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which he has served since 1933; and

WHEREAS, he is also devoted to family ideals of the highest order, and is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Agnes Watkins Farrar, to whom he was engaged in holy matrimony on May 30, 1947; and

WHEREAS, the Farrars' marriage was blessed by three sons, Russ, Britt, and the late Bill, and by five devoted and loving grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that James Farrar be formally recognized by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize James Clayton Farrar for his many years of service to the good people of Tennessee and applaud his distinction as the oldest living licensed funeral director in the State, extending our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.